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9 JUL 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Psychiatric Hospital Bed for Agency Use

REFERENCES: a. Undtd Memo to DD/S fr C/MS, same sub.
b. 24 Jun 58 Memo to DD/S fr Comp., same sub.

1. Several months ago [] discussed with me the Medical Staff's proposal to arrange to have a psychiatric hospital bed continuously available for the Agency. We discussed at length various proposals and their respective advantages and problems. The proposal attached hereto seemed to be the simplest and at the same time to provide the best assurance of a fair return for our investment. Granting there would be periods when the Agency would be paying for stand-by availability, this seemed well merited by our experience in the past of great difficulties incurred in hospitalizing emergency cases, with the result that many man-hours were spent by various offices in working out a solution. Thus, there would be direct savings in handling such cases. Also, as noted in the memorandum from the Medical Staff, the facility could be used for other cases now paid for out of other components' funds. In this manner a reasonable utilization could be expected as well as a direct saving to those other components.

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General Counsel

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cc: C/Medical Staff

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